

MANAGER WISE REMEMBERED.

He Was Given a \$300 Diamond Ring by Friends.

MEETING OF FOOT BALL FANS.

The Reception was Held in the Dining Room of the Hotel Conrad—Sixty Were Present—Plans for Gymnasium.

Manager J. J. Wise, of the Tiger foot ball team, was given a reception in the dining room of the Hotel Conrad and was presented with a \$300 diamond ring Thursday evening by sixty of his friends. The entire proceedings were a complete surprise to Mr. Wise, who had been induced to come from his home to the hotel upon the plea that a person having a bill of \$35 was waiting for him and must see him. Mr. Wise was taken to the doors of the dining room and his entrance was the signal for a burst of cheers from those who had already been seated at one long table.

Mayor Bell was toastmaster. Mr. Wise sat at his right side at the head of the table. Mayor Bell called for order as soon as Mr. Wise had arrived. While holding a small box in his hand which concealed the gift, Mayor Bell recounted the stirring days of last fall when the Massillon Tigers won a reputation more than state wide for clean foot ball and gentlemanly sport. After speaking of the hard work done by Manager Wise and paying him a tribute for his success in the management of the foot ball team, Mayor Bell presented Mr. Wise with the handsome ring.

Manager Wise was overcome. He arose to his feet after receiving the gift, tried to say a few words and sank again to his chair with the remark that he would try to say something later.

Coach Stewart was called upon for a few words and added his testimony to the efficiency of Manager Wise's efforts. He said that he now hoped that Massillon would have another team that would meet with the approval and support of the city. Mr. Stewart recalled a few incidents of the past, among them being the fact that after the Tigers had played their first game in Wooster three years ago and had been defeated, many of the players were discouraged and there was some talk of disbanding the team. On the trip home Julius Wittmann was elected captain. Mr. Stewart then paid a high tribute to Captain Wittmann's worth, for it was largely through his efforts that the team was held together during its infancy. Those were the days of hard work in more ways than defeating a team upon the gridiron.

Mr. Wittmann responded in a short address in which he said he had done his best for the team and was willing to do all in his power another year, and his hope was that "the bunch of Dutch and Irish," as the team was lovingly dubbed by Quarterback Hayden, would be here again.

W. A. Pietzeker was asked to give a few words and he said that he had assisted Manager Wise for the love he had for Massillon and he stood willing to do so again if the city had another team. He did not want a cent for his time and trouble and was only too pleased to see Manager Wise remembered in this substantial way.

Manager Wise then rose and thanked those who had made donations by which it was possible for him to be remembered with the beautiful gift. "This present," said Mr. Wise, "is worth more to me than any amount of money and this meeting here of friends, whom I have known for years, reaches to the bottom of my heart. It brings a feeling upon me that cannot be expressed in words. I never was in just such a position before and I want to say here that I shall never forget the history connected with this gift, which I shall cherish as long as I live. I simply want to say that I hope Massillon will have a championship team next year and I am willing to do my little part in making the annual foot ball season a success."

Manager Bell then called upon several business men, including H. C. Brown, F. W. Arnold, F. A. Brown, Frank A. Vogt, H. F. Rider, Harold Howald, George Howells, William Vogt, E. W. Bushy, Andrew Ertle and others for short remarks. All pledged their support to the foot ball team of 1906.

E. C. Merwin was called upon and after paying his tribute to the Tigers and all connected with the management, Mr. Merwin gave some information concerning the plan to establish a gymnasium in Massillon. He said

that the plan was to have a membership of at least three hundred, who should pay a nominal annual fee for the privileges to be obtained. As soon as the necessary number of members had been secured by those now circulating papers the stockholders' papers would be circulated. He also said that already one person had asked for the honor of heading the stockholders' list with a thousand dollar subscription and that he knew of others that would be only too willing to put their names on the paper. Before this can be done the membership is to be secured.

A building will be erected and equipped with all modern gymnasium appliances. Mr. Merwin said that he thought that some arrangement could be made by which the future foot ball teams of the city could use the gymnasium during the fall season.

The plan of the promoters includes more than the maintaining of a boys' gymnasium, although that is the primary cause for the organization. The plan is to take in men, women and girls and have hours for each and have instructors. Prominent specialists and professional men of the city have offered to give lectures to the young people upon matters pertaining to the physical being. These lectures will be but a part of the instructions given. The plan has been worked out for months and has been formulated from the suggestions of many. All interested in the youth of the city are asked to give encouragement to the work. The stockholders will incorporate the organization and those taking only membership papers will not be liable. Those taking only membership papers will have the same benefits as the stockholders. All kinds of baths will be provided, a running track, a basket ball floor, with other equipment thought to be necessary in a well supplied gymnasium.

After Mr. Merwin had outlined his plans many present gave him a word of encouragement and pledged to give him the necessary assistance as far as it lay in their power. Membership papers are now being circulated.

Base ball was mentioned by one or two speakers, but the information was given out that as yet nothing is known of a team for next season by those who managed the team last summer. The promise was made that due efforts would be used to have a base ball team next season.

Each speaker dwelt upon the fact that Massillon, through its foot ball team, has won an enviable record for clean sports. Toasts were drunk to all who made the past season a success. The testimonial to Mr. Wise was brought to a close by drinking the toast proposed by Mayor Bell "to the health and prosperity of Massillon's foremost citizen, a friend of the Tigers, J. W. McClymonds." All drank the toast while standing.

READY FOR DUTIES.

Successful Candidates Have Taken Oath of Office.

The officers-elect have all taken their oaths of office and have filed their bonds, which have been accepted by the proper authorities. The changes in municipal offices will be made on January 1. The old officers are closing up their records to have them ready to turn over to their successors. The office that will require the most work in making the transfer is that of city treasurer. The books of Treasurer Kirchhofer must be audited and the money in the treasury counted. The actual transfer of the books to Martin Brenner, the treasurer-elect, may not take place until January 2. Mr. Brenner will also be treasurer of the funds of the board of education.

City Auditor Douglass is making up the records of his office for the year just closing. The card system is in use for daily work and the entries made upon these cards are later copied into the record journal. This work is now being done.

WILL NOT CONTEST.

Mayor Bell Will Not Ask for a New Count.

Mayor Bernard Bell has decided not to contest the election of Representative Welker, of Canton, and has so notified Mr. Welker. The preliminary examination of election officers had been set for hearing before Justice Kaley, in Massillon, Saturday. Mayor Bell says the notification of contest was sent out by him in accordance with instructions from Democratic state headquarters. Representative Welker already has been given a certificate of election and is a candidate for speaker of the House before the members of the lower branch of the general assembly, which will meet one week from Monday.

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SILK STOLEN FROM BEE HIVE

Daylight Robbery Early Friday Morning.

THREE MEN WORKED TOGETHER.

They Boarded a Car for Canton at 7:30 A. M. With the Goods

—Chief Ertle was Notified After the Men Had Gone.

A daylight robbery occurred in the Bee Hive at 6:30 o'clock Friday morning when a bolt of silk valued at about \$100 was taken soon after the store had been opened and before all of the clerks had reached their places. The robbery was committed by three persons giving the names of Welker, Wood and Wilson. They made their way out of the city on the 7:30 o'clock electric car for Canton with the goods. Canton police had failed to find any trace of the men up to 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Chief Ertle, of Massillon, was not notified of the robbery until long after the deed had been committed and he did not learn until about noon that the men had gone toward Canton. He then learned that the men had boarded the car at Massillon and alighted in the square in Canton. They had fully an hour to make their escape in Canton before Chief Ertle knew of the deed. Canton police are searching for clews and the men.

The men registered at the Milleronian Thursday night, two registering as coming from Canton and the third as from Lancaster. The men appeared at the Bee Hive at an early hour. One man asked to go to an upper floor. Another made some inquiry about the time of day and engaged the attention of another person in the store by going toward the clock. The third took the bolt of silk. The men met by 7:30 and boarded the car for Canton.

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A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

Story Told by Mark Twain at a Recent Entertainment.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mark Twain, who had not appeared on a stage for years, chatted for ten minutes yesterday afternoon at the entertainment at the Casino for the benefit of the Jewish sufferers in Russia. The programme was long and included Sarah Bernhardt in a one-act play. Mrs. Bernhardt had scarcely done bowing when Mark Twain appeared on the stage without introduction. He did not need any; he received the greatest applause of the afternoon. Mr. Clemens said:

"I want to tell you a story, the story of the lost opportunity. Young people don't realize the full sadness of it, but who of us older persons does not know the pathos of the lost opportunity. In a village which is a suburb of New Bedford a friend of mine took me to the dedication of a town hall and pointed out to me a bronzed, weather beaten old man over 90 years old. 'Do you see any passion in that old man?' said he to me. 'You don't. Well, I can make him seem a perfect volcano to you. I'll just mention to him something very casually,' and he did.

"Well, that old man suddenly gave vent to an outburst of profanity such as I had never heard in my life before. I listened with that delight with which one listens to an artist. The cause of it was this:

"When that old man was a young sailor he came back from a three-year cruise and found the whole town had taken the pledge. He said he hadn't, so he was ostracized. Finally, he made up his mind he couldn't stand ostracism any longer, and he went to the secretary and said: 'Put my name down for that temperance society of yours.' Next day he left on another three-years' cruise. It was torture to him to watch his men drinking and he pledged not to. Finally he got home.

"He got a jug of good stuff, ran to the society and said: 'Take my name right off.'

"It isn't necessary," said the secretary, "you were blackballed."

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It pays to try our want ointment.

NAPOLEON'S CHAIR.

An Interesting Relic Sold in London Auction Rooms.

London, Dec. 23.—Probably before these lines appear in print one of the most interesting Napoleonic relics in Europe will have been sold at Sotheby's auction rooms, London. The object consists in the actual chair in which the great emperor passed his last days at St. Helena.

The chair is not much to look at—a small, broad-seated cane affair, very low, and apparently of light frame. Seen in the accompanying photograph it looks very similar to the chairs one is likely to see on the "front porch" of any Southern home.

Regarded from the point of its associations, however, this particular chair is of immense importance. It was from this modest throne that the dying emperor dictated the famous memoirs to his secretary, Las Cases; and doubtless he occupied it very shortly before his death. The chair was evidently made especially for Napoleon's short and at that time rotund figure, for its dimensions are suggestive of this fact, the seat being broad (19x16 inches), while the legs are only 17 inches long.

Unlike most relics, this one is particularly well authenticated. A recently discovered inscription underneath the chair records the fact that

"This chair was used by Napoleon Bonaparte and purchased at the sale of his effects at Longwood by Mr. Andrew Darling, St. Helena, 1821." Mr. Darling lived at St. Helena during Napoleon's lifetime, and published a memoir of the French emperor. After buying the chair, Mr. Darling had a brass tablet placed upon it, which is shown to this day, and is conclusive evidence of the fact that the chair is the actual one used by Napoleon, and no other. It has been pointed out that the spelling of Napoleon's name—"Buonaparte," instead of Bonaparte—further authenticates the chair, as the first spelling was that used by the British government of that day in their dispatches.

Great interest generally attaches to the chair, and doubtless the bidding will be exciting.

MORE "FABLES."

Story of George Ade and "The College Widow."

Chicago, Dec. 23.—There was once an honest young farmer named George Ade, who whiled away the long winter evenings after the crops were in by writing funny plays that the restless push in the great cities gladly paid all the way from two dollars to twenty five cents to see.

When the ambitious agriculturist was not tickling the state of Indiana with a common or garden hoe, he was tickling the other states by handing out a line of comedies that had Clyde Fitch and Gus Thomas and pikers of that class beaten to a light froth.

As might be expected, the honest and accumulating young farmer had by this time attracted much attention from the fair sex, to whom he had consistently handed the clammy mitt and the cold stare whenever the opportunity offered. Therefore they all sat up and listened with great interest when some wise guy, who doubtless needed the space money, slipped to a great metropolitan newspaper the inside information that Farmer Ade was engaged to wed Miss Dorothy Tenant, an actress who had made a great hit in "The College Widow," one of his breadwinners.

"Are you going to marry Miss Tenant?" asked the hopeful reporter, respectfully.

"Not that I know of," said the playwright, "and I think I would have the first tip."

"Why not?" pursued the intrepid interviewer.

"Well, for one reason," said Mr. Ade, "I have a tenant on my farm now."

"Are there any other reasons?" persisted the pertinacious pencil pusher when the wild uproarious laughter had subsided.

"Yes," said Mr. Ade, gravely, "I may be a farmer, but no one can accuse me of being a husbandman."

ITS ANNUAL PARTY.

The Independent Will Entertain as Usual on New Year's.

The Independent will give its annual newsboys' dinner on Monday, January 1, at 1 o'clock, at the Hotel Milleronian. Members of The Independent Company and of the editorial staff will dine with the boys. The Rev. L. H. Burry, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, will be the guest of honor and will give an address at the close of the dinner.

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SEASON'S TRADE

HAS BEEN GOOD

Stores Have Been Crowded Day and Night.

MERCHANTS WELL SUPPLIED.

The Warm Weather Permitted Many to Visit the Stores Who Would Have Been Kept at Home by Cold Days.

Saturday marked the close of the purchasing period of the Christmas season and from a purely financial standpoint all the merchants of Massillon have had a most successful season. It was not marked by any severe weather changes and for this reason the purchasing has been done more moderately each day than would have been the case had there been a few days of extremely cold weather. All merchants made heavy purchases and each has been well treated by the public.

The sentimental aspect of the season has been emphasized thus far, due to the perversities of the weather, which has denied all that buoyant feeling, which is inherent with the gentle fall of snow, the merry ring of sleighbells and the shouts of the boys and girls. In other years this feature has added much to the enjoyment of the season but during the present season many have been permitted to visit the stores and make purchases who otherwise would have been denied the pleasure and profit coming from a day's shopping.

Everybody was busy in the city Saturday. From early in the morning, when the mail carriers started from the postoffice, with assistants, carrying packages in baskets and bundles, until late in the day every person leaving the business section concealed some token, which was cautiously laid away after reaching home.

Turkeys and chickens have been coring to the market by the hundreds. Christmas trees have been on sale for a week and although hundreds were visible three days ago, there were but a few in sight Saturday afternoon. Many had been spirited away in the darkness, placed in some concealed place for a day or so to be brought to light and decorated when the proper time arrives. The stores have been open evenings for a week and trade has been all that could be desired during the extra hours.

MOTION OVERRULED.

Mrs. Taggart's Attorneys are Fined for Contempt.

Wooster, O., Dec. 23.—Judge Samuel B. Eason on Friday overruled the motion of Mrs. Grace Culver Taggart's attorneys for a new trial of the divorce case in which she was defendant, and fined three of her counsel for contempt of court, later suspending the fine pending his search for authority to impose such punishment.

"In these affidavits I am scorned and maligned as no other judge ever was scorned and maligned before in this country," said Judge Eason. "But I am resolved to let no personal feeling come between me and the rendering of absolute justice. The punishment of those whose names are attached to these affidavits, I deem to be sufficient in that fact alone, that their names are attached to such a document is a lasting disgrace to them."

The three attorneys fined for contempt are Congressman M. L. Smyser, K. G. Critchfield and Captain James B. Taylor, two of whom made affidavits which reflect seriously on the court. They were fined \$15 each.

Judge Eason rearraigned Mrs. Taggart and her associations with Fortesque and Billy Taggart. He said he could in no way arrive at any decision or other conclusions than those which existed in his mind when he decided the divorce suit, and that he would not open up the case again, simply to gratify the attorneys who had been disappointed.

WHOLESALE INDICTMENTS.

Bridge Companies Will be Sued for Damages.

Napoleon, O., Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—The grand jury has returned eighteen indictments against Ohio bridge corporations for alleged violations of the Valentine anti-trust law. The companies indicted are the

Adams Brothers' Company, bridge and iron works, J. T. Adams, Jr., agent; the Backett Bridge Company, of Cincinnati, W. W. Mills, agent; the Belle-

fontaine Bridge Company, J. M. Fronzer, agent; the Indiana Bridge Company, J. T. Morgan, agent; the Champion Bridge Company, F. P. Hampshire, agent; the Massillon Bridge Company, J. J. Swinger, agent; Canton Bridge Company, H. G.

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The multiplicity of President Roosevelt's interests in connection with his administration of the affairs of the United States government is shown in his instructions, recently issued, that five islands off the southeast coast of Louisiana, be set aside as a game preserve, under the title of the Breton Reservation. The tract has been placed in charge of the department of agriculture. It will be used for the purpose of raising wild sea birds.

The action of the Mississippi legislature, which has just passed a law making burglary a crime punishable by death, is justified by a long list of terrifying and revolting occurrences in various states of the Union. The murder by burglars in Beaver county, Pa., is a recent instance of this kind. Here, for the sake of the small sum of \$200, the miscreants shot down a man in cold blood. Criminals have continually risked imprisonment in securing crime stained possessions, but it is doubtful if many of them would be willing to face a possible death penalty.

That men will soon rival women in the brilliance of their raiment is the opinion of a London sartorial expert. The king, of course, is supposed to be the fount of men's fashions and the writer in question describes his majesty's costume during his recent stay at Sandringham as "very showy," consisting of a drab Norfolk jacket, knickerbockers, hose, gaiters and a scarlet tam o' shanter. The scarlet headdress is apparently what is to influence the male Briton's garments. If King Edward's toggery is really significant, its influence will possibly extend across the Atlantic and the bright red headgear of our masculine population may yet brighten up the somber tones of winter.

The friends of Manager J. J. Wise and of the Tiger foot ball team are to be congratulated upon the pleasant result of their efforts in arranging the banquet given at the Hotel Conrad Thursday evening. From the sentiments expressed in the general flow of eloquence around the festal board The Independent gathers that Massillon is in a fair way to have another foot ball team in the field next year and that the proposed athletic club is going to do a lot towards furthering the cause of clean sport already so well established in the city.

Mr. Bryan, according to his cabled declination of the invitation of the acting governor of Hongkong to be the latter's guest while in that city, is a newspaper man, not a private citizen. His explanation that by "doing otherwise he would feel placed under certain obligations to the government which he might wish to criticise in the near future, at least makes up in truthfulness for what it lacks in manners. The incident will have a certain value among the kings and potentates with whom the traveler will come in contact during his pilgrimage by putting them on guard. Unmuzzled by the restricting demands of hospitality Mr. Bryan is busily taking notes. The effete monarchs now know the worst.

BOND SUBSTITUTE PLANNED.

Akron and Cleveland Solicitors Working for Change in Law.

Akron, Dec. 23.—Solicitor Clyde F. Beery, with other solicitors of the state, is working for a change in the law governing the assessment of property owners for street improvements. He will ask the solicitors' association to recommend them to the legislature.

He has been corresponding with Solicitor Baker, of Cleveland. The two have formulated a plan to take the place of issuing bonds for street improvements. It is suggested that notes be issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes. It is argued that these notes would be taken up and that the interest would remain in the city instead of going to out-of-town bankers. The proposed amendment provides that the notes shall not be issued for a longer time than five years.

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Only Twenty-seven Years Old.

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ARTHUR W. DUNN.

WANE OF HOUSE POWER

Sacrifice of Its Position and Prestige.

LEADERS RESENT CRITICISM.

Caucus Rule and Suppressing of Individualism—House Membership Too Large—The Last Increase Unwise. Anthony Michalek's Case.

Washington, Dec. 19.—[Special.]—Criticism of the house of representatives is more severe from year to year, as the sacrifice of its position and prestige becomes apparent. It is strange, too, that this criticism of the house is resented more earnestly by the men who are responsible for the conditions than by the less important members. I heard one of the leaders of the house vigorously denouncing certain persons for giving precedence to new senators from small states over old representatives from large states. He also asserted that the constitution intended to make the house of representatives a coordinate branch of the government. The position of the house is due to its method of legislation. It reaches things with its "special rule," by which nearly all debate and every chance for amendment is cut off, and there is little opportunity for the individual member to express his opinion and no opportunity to vote for an amendment which he favors.

Two Cases In Point.

In the last congress the Esch-Townsend rail-way rate bill was pushed through without a single amendment being voted upon. In this congress the statehood bill goes through the same way. It is true that the party caucus was invoked in both cases, but the rate bill was in no sense a party measure, and yet it was put through as such. Before the bill came before the house everybody knew what was to be done. Without possibility for amendment or effective discussion of the provisions of the bill, the debate was perfunctory. Stringent rules, by which all individualism is suppressed, together with caucus domination, are what reduces the power of the house. The Republicans are not alone to blame for this state of affairs. Caucus rule is strict with the Democrats. Two members who did not support a caucus decision were removed from an important committee by the Democratic leader. Some years ago a Democratic house approved the "special rule" idea, first evoked by Speaker Reed.

House Membership Too Large.

Two sessions of congress with the house membership at 336, with five delegates and one commissioner, have shown conclusively that the last increase was unwise. There are too many members, too much confusion on the floor and naturally too much concentration among the few leaders. The larger the house the less individualism. Every addition minimizes each unit. The new members are not given the opportunity they might have on committees, and the older members must be satisfied with less than they were previously given. Nine members from a state cannot accomplish any more for the state than seven or eight members, provided the smaller number is equal in comparison to other states. It was the demand for larger representation from nearly all of the states, coupled with the desire to prevent any reduction in the number from several states that had shown no increase in population, that caused the increase in the membership of the house to its present unwieldy proportions.

"Shot to Pieces."

"Our committee has been 'shot to pieces,' and we have only six out of eleven members left," was a remark of Senator Warren when asked why the committee on military affairs had not held a meeting. The five vacancies on the committee were due to the retirement of Senator Hawley at the end of his term, the voluntary withdrawal of Senator Proctor since the present session began, the retirement from the senate of Senator Quarles, the retirement of Senator Cockrell and the death of Senator Bate. This committee, with few exceptions, has been composed of men who served in the civil war either on the Union or Confederate side.

In His Old Haunts.

Pension Commissioner Warner is frequently seen on the floor of the house and in the cloakrooms. A man who was a member of the house for a long time, as was Commissioner Warner, likes to mingle with his old friends and see the machinery in motion. "I have told the boys," said the commissioner, meaning the members with whom he is on close relations, "to let me know when anything lively is going on, so that I can go up and take it in." Commissioner Warner for a number of years represented an Illinois district.

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ABUSED WOMAN FREE

Her Preacher Husband Unmercifully Scored by Judge.

Elyria, O., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Mary Wanamaker has been granted a divorce from her husband, the Rev. Henry S. Wanamaker, deposed pastor of the Second Congregational church, was given alimony and awarded the award of the custody of the children. She will be given a house and lot in Michigan and a half interest in a Wolverine farm. Her husband must pay her \$30 a month for five years.

Judge Washburn, in granting the divorce, said:

"She has been a faithful wife. He not only repeatedly told her that she was millstone around his neck, but compelled her to join him in prayer that she should die.

"When the last child was about to be born she called his attention to the fact that no preparation had been made for a physician or a nurse, and that there was no place at home to be treated.

"Instead of providing for her, he told her that the Lord would provide. A neighbor took care of her and summoned a doctor and a nurse. Her husband called to see her and said that he was satisfied that her time to die had come and that the Lord would take her during her sickness. Can any one imagine more cruel conduct?"

APPEAL FROM CRUEL LAW

Mother and Sick Children Parted and Little Son Dies.

New York, Dec. 23.—A peculiar and pathetic fate has overtaken the two children of Mrs. Marie Santangelo of Youngstown, O., who were forcibly separated from their mother by the workings of the immigration laws. The children were to have been deported. Enrico, a boy of 6, died on Thursday of scarlet fever, and Assunta, a girl of 9, is too ill for the decree to be executed.

A month ago Mrs. Santangelo, whose husband is a naturalized citizen of the United States living at Youngstown, came to this country with the children. She was admitted only because her husband was a citizen, but the children, who had trachoma, were ordered to be deported.

The girl was left alone to care for her brother, both being practically prisoners of the immigration department, while their mother went on to Youngstown. The boy soon became sick, leaving his sister alone among strangers. Then the girl was taken ill and is now suffering with measles.

The immigration authorities here have decided to appeal to the secretary of the department of commerce and labor to have the girl placed under her parents' care.

FIVE MEN MANGLED

Locomotive Blows Up, Killing One and Injuring Others.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The boiler of a locomotive drawing a Lehigh Valley freight train exploded at "Swamp Siding," one-half mile east of Van Etten, last night, killing Fireman Frank Morris and Leon Lannison and fatally injuring Engineer Fred Swarthout, Brakeman Henry McMahon and Conductor Martin Gallagher, all of Sayre, Pa.

The explosion was witnessed by a large number of people and the deafening roar was heard three miles away. The boiler was blown from the carriage of the engine and hurled over 100 feet down the track, where it continued to roll, end over end, tearing a deep hole in the Lehigh Valley tracks, crossing over the Elmira, Cortland & Northern tracks and then coming to rest across the Lehigh tracks. The men were horribly burned and mangled and the clothing was torn almost completely from their bodies.

BATTLE ON FLYING TRAIN

Constable Killed by Prisoners, One of Whom Is Shot Dead.

Mount Carmel, Ill., Dec. 23.—Two men were killed, a third was probably fatally injured and every window was shot out of a passenger coach on the Southern railway, when two men in custody for larceny tried to escape by killing a constable. Incidentally 25 passengers in the car were kept busy dodging bullets, the train meantime running at high speed.

When the smoke had cleared away Constable James Kingston and Isaac Marshall, one of the prisoners, were dead and Edward Marshall, the other prisoner, was probably fatally wounded. A bullet passed through the cap of a brakeman, but no one else was harmed.

Want Senators to Resign.

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Hope Grange No. 115 Patrons of Husbandry has unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the representatives from Oswego county in the legislature to introduce a resolution calling for the resignation of United States Senators Platt and Depew because of the insurance scandals in which they were involved, as shown by the legislative insurance investigation. Hope Grange is the largest and most influential in this part of the state, having a membership of 3,000.

Lake Shore Brakeman Killed.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 23.—Frank Tally of Ashtabula was instantly killed in the Lake Shore yards here. He was head brakeman on an eastbound fast freight, which crashed into a local freight that was crossing the main tracks. Tally was thrown under the wheels and ground to pieces. He leaves a wife and infant daughter at Ashtabula and a daughter in Erie.



Poverty with man and sterility with woman incline them to dogs. The man wants something to boss, and the woman accepts the dog as a poor substitute for a baby.

The fact that a man works on a farm is no excuse for his going around looking like a tramp. The standing of a man is bound to depend somewhat on his personal appearance, otherwise he would have been made like a monkey.

With the exceedingly low price at which most of the best periodicals can be secured, no farm home can afford to be without them. There is no one thing which enters so far into the making of an educated and broad minded person as the ready access to and use of good reading matter.

During the period of twenty-five years when the present perfected farm machinery was being developed there might have been some excuse for throwing aside a machine half worn out for a new and better machine, but today it is hardly possible to further improve farm machinery, and better care should be given to it to secure a longer life of usefulness for it.

Corn and alfalfa make the best combination of any ration produced in any country. Heretofore it has been assumed that only in a very limited area of the country could these two crops be grown on the same farm, but it is being discovered that over quite a large section of the corn belt the alfalfa may be grown if right methods are pursued. The combination makes an almost perfectly balanced ration; hence its great value.

It will often be found that tile drainage will be almost as much benefit to some of the hilly farms as the flat and wet ones, it being a peculiarity of the rolling land that the water will be found close to the surface in many places in seeps where the crop will suffer from wet feet just as much as on the low land. During a recent trip of a hundred miles we found hardly a single farm upon which more or less the draining could not be done to great profit and advantage.

Now that the crop season of 1905 is over it will be a good idea to look over the year's experiences and see where the mistakes were made. Perhaps it will be found not enough care was taken to secure good seed corn, and the cornfield shows only a 60 per cent stand when it should show up 85 or 90. Perhaps the soil land upon which it was planted was not plowed at the right time and the cutworms thinned out the crop. Perhaps it was corn after corn for too many years and the root worm got in its work. Perhaps it was cutting the clover hay crop too late and so losing in two ways—getting poor quality of hay and spoiling second crop. Perhaps it was trying to work too many acres; more likely to be this than anything else. Anyhow, it will not be hard to look back and see where one might have done better. The wise man will do this and profit by his mistakes.

The changed conditions which make the farmer wholly dependent upon the local butcher for his supply of meat is all wrong. No man can afford to sell animals at wholesale prices and buy his meat at retail prices. Every man should make his own salt and smoked meats and by co-operation with two or three neighbors supply himself with all the winter's fresh meat.

Don't get the notion because you live out in the country that it is out of your line to be an intelligent voter. The country needs the votes of its best citizens, and the lack of them gives rise to most of the political rotteness which curses the present age. Your forefathers saved the country by leaving the plow in the fields and carrying the musket to war. You can do a like service by leaving your plow or corn husking and casting your vote for clean men and clean political methods.

The cornfield has a good many pests, though probably not so destructive as the blights or rust which often devastates the oat and wheat fields.

There are, to start with, the gopher, the crow and the cutworm, which three will often work to greatly injure the stand of the corn.

Then there are the wire worm and the root worm,

the crow again as the corn begins to harden and the bad work of the field mice

after corn is shocked. The blackbird pest has, however, mostly disappeared.

Then there is the work of rats and mice

in the cribs, the fact being that something or other is after a part of the corn crop nearly all the time.

The question of vigor in seed corn is a matter to which little attention has been paid, while as a matter of fact it is of just as much importance as is the same quality in the breeding of our domestic animals. There is lots of seed corn which will germinate, but which is so lacking in strength and vigor that it can never under any circumstances make a healthy and productive stalk of corn. Such seed produces those stalks which never mature an ear of corn and which are as a matter of fact the worst weeds in the cornfield, for they rob the more vigorous stalks of moisture, light, fertility and sunshine and besides scatter a lot of their worthless pollen to further degrade the field.

Seed corn which can only just barely make a live of it is even worse than that which will not germinate at all.

The introduction of the farm separator is working out a complete revolution in the creamery and dairy business all through the west. With the farm separator it is easily possible to secure a high grade of cream from the average farm, something which is not always or even generally possible where the cream is raised by the gravity process. The new method has made unnecessary the organized creamery company and the erection of an expensive plant and made possible the taking up of the dairy business by any man anywhere who is within reach of a depot or a cream receiving station. The shipment of cream by express to the city creameries has become one of the big lines of business and is growing every day. This is probably true. However, the butter product of such a creamery is not of quite so high a grade as where the milk is delivered at a local creamery and separated, but because of the plan being so adaptable in its workings to so large a number of people it has evidently come to stay.

The close pasturing of the meadow in the late fall and spring is almost always fatal to the next year's hay crop. Still lots of men do this and then wonder why they have so light a crop of hay.

The government report on the corn crop of 1905 is out and makes a grand total of 2,707,993,540 bushels, with Indiana leading in average yield per acre—40.7 bushels. It is one of the largest corn crops ever produced in the country.

The Campbell system of "dry farming," which is being most successfully applied to the dry lands of western Nebraska and Kansas, is making lands heretofore rated as almost worthless for agricultural purposes worth \$25 per acre just for the growing of winter wheat.

A variety of alfalfa specially adapted to dry lands is being developed in the west and if a success, as it bids fair to be, will be of immense advantage to that section. It matters but little what other conditions may be, if alfalfa can be grown successfully, right there is sure to be a rich country.

A good many years ago, when the country was new, we always made a practice of burning off a piece of wild prairie during June in order to get a nice lot of young grass of the second growth for the late summer feed. With the tame grasses the same result is obtained by the mowing in July.

Beer kegs and cream cans represent two distinct types of agricultural civilization all through the west, and the desirability of any town for a residence location can be accurately determined by ascertaining whether there are more cans of cream shipped out from the depot than there are kegs

THE STATEHOOD BILL

PEIRCE GOES TO NORWAY:
DENBY SUCCEEDS HIM

TRAINS STILL MOVE



HERBERT H. D. PEIRCE

Washington, Dec. 23.—[Special.]—Senator G. W. Odell has the ship subsidy bill put in the place of advantage before the recess. As unfinished business it requires a vote of the senate to displace it, and there may be a test vote upon this matter when Senator Beveridge undertakes to bring up the statehood bill. While there has been no meeting of the steering committee to determine what legislation shall take place, it has been generally understood that the statehood bill will be among the measures first considered, especially if the house acts promptly in passing the bill approved by the Republican caucus. The Republican senators are by no means agreed upon the shipping bill, and, while Gullinger may have a majority with him, he will have a fight on his hands before he gets a vote on the measure.

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CIVICAL HAPPENINGS.
Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Jacob Miller, an aged inmate of the Stark county infirmary, is seriously ill.

Mrs. J. P. Burton and Miss Burton returned from New York on Wednesday.

The salary of the mayor of New Philadelphia has been fixed at \$600 per year.

John Spidle, of Wilmot, is visiting his son, W. S. Spidle, in Wooster street.

Mrs. M. M. Swan left on Friday for Canton, where she will visit her son for an indefinite time.

Horace F. Dewey left for New York Friday evening to visit Prof. Charles A. Filler during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schumacher, of Barberton, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Doxsee, in Chestnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mong and children, of Erie, Pa., will arrive on Saturday to spend Christmas with Massillon relatives.

Miss Mary Oberlin, teacher of domestic science in the Greenville public schools, is spending the holidays at her home in the city.

Andrew Reese, one of the infirmary visitors, took three patients from the institution to the asylum for imbeciles in Columbus Friday.

Samuel Gruber returned today from Chicago, where he has been attending the international stock exhibit. Mr. Gruber bought a car load of fat cattle.

Attorney D. F. Reinert, who has been in the employ of the Laning Company since last June, has returned to his home in Massillon.—Norwalk Herald.

The seventeenth birthday anniversary of Miss Margery Wise was celebrated Friday evening with a dinner given in her honor by her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Wise.

Albert Biery, a farmer residing at Belpit, near Alliance, committed suicide Friday by hanging. He was despondent over the fact that his rented farm was sold and he would be compelled to move.

Peter Hanty, a former well known miner of the Massillon district, had several ribs fractured and was otherwise injured by being caught under a fall of coal several days ago in a mine at Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Philip Rohr, Mrs. Valentine Mersheimer, Mrs. William Sheller and Mr. and Mrs. George Sheffler, of Crystal Spring, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheller, in East South street, on Friday.

A. L. McDonald, of Alliance, has announced himself as a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. Mr. McDonald is one of Alliance's foremost shoe merchants and is well known in Massillon.

The Rev. J. A. Jones, pastor of the United Brethren church, returned on Friday from Sugarcreek, where he has rested the past several days in conducting revival services, which have been in daily progress for the past three weeks. Afternoon and evening services were held and thus far thirty accessions have been made to the church.

Canton relatives of Rufus Day, the youngest son of Associate Justice and Mrs. William R. Day, of the supreme court, have received word from Washington that he is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever, which recently confined him to his bed and caused a section of the Day residence at the capital to be quarantined.—Canton Repository.

Mrs. James R. Dunn arrived from St. Louis Thursday evening. She was accompanied by her son, John Dunn, of San Francisco. They will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Focke for a week or two. With Mr. and Mrs. Focke and Miss Marjory Dunn they will be joined in Cleveland on Sunday by Mr. Dunn and spend Christmas with relatives there.

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For some time the officials at the Pennsylvania transfer have been bothered by petty thefts, especially of valuable fruit, so Tuesday night Railway Officer Robinson caught an employee named John Tritten in the act of taking some apples from a barrel. The man was arrested and in mayor's court Wednesday paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

The officials say that they know of cases where boxes have been intentionally dropped and broken open and tropical fruits taken by certain of the foreigner employees at the transfer.—Alliance Leader.

It is said that the Studebakers, the celebrated wagon manufacturers in Indiana, obtained their start in the business through the aid rendered them by Amos Shaun, who died at Smithville last week. The story told is that the Studebakers came out from Pennsylvania in an early day and located in Smithville township. They were poor and through the assistance of Mr. Shaun they began the manufacture of wagons and laid the foundation of their great fortune. After being in business for some time and getting a fair start they moved to Indiana.—Orrville Crescent.

For sale by all dealers; price 50 cents. Foster-Millburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name: Doan's and take no other.

"Generally debilitated for years. Had sick headache, lacked ambition, was worn out and all run down. Burdock Blood Bitters made me a well man." —Mrs. Chas. Freitor, Moosup, Conn.

"Want column ads. pay. Try it."

The police are working on a mysterious brass theft case which was given to them Tuesday by Wheeling & Lake Erie railway shop officials. A quantity of brass was reported stolen Monday night. Thursday afternoon Charles Gibbs, who operates a brass working foundry on Milan street, notified the police and General Foreman Hill, of the Wheeling shops, that he had discovered in his moulding sand some railroad brass. Both Chief Remington and Mr. Hill went to the shop with Gibbs and overhauled the sand. They took out about seven hundred and twenty pounds of brass, valued at ten cents a pound.—Norwalk Herald.

A report from Justus says that options on the H. Boughman and the M. A. Boughton farms were taken up Thursday by John Pontius, of Canton, and John Bimeler, of Zoar, in keeping with a contract made several weeks ago. They refused to make known the intended use of the land. The report says they are now trying to secure additional land. About seven hundred acres are now held under option, which good until about the middle of January. Different reports say that the land is to be used by the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company, by the state for a state institution, for a large sheep ranch by stock raisers, but nothing official has been given out by the persons interested.

OBITUARY.

ABEL JOHNSON.

Abel Johnson, aged 51 years, died at the Massillon state hospital on Wednesday. Death was caused by apoplexy. The body was taken to Geneva on Thursday for interment.

MRS. ETTA MAY MOORE.

Mrs. Etta May Moore, aged 33 years, wife of Frank Moore, died at the family home, 134 Kent street, Friday evening at 6:45 o'clock, of heart disease. The deceased is survived by her husband and one daughter, Miss Gertrude A. Moore. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home, the Rev. T. C. Peterson officiating. Interment will be made in the Massillon cemetery.

NEARBY TOWNS.

ELTON.

Elton, Dec. 23.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. O. McFarren, a son.

M. A. Boughman has sold his farm.

Examinations are being held in the schools of this township this week.

John Baskey is still very sick. Dr. Clark, of Mt. Eaton, is treating the case.

NAVARRA.

Navarre, Dec. 23.—A barn belonging to the estate of the late "Captain" Jack Bennett was totally destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock Thursday night. The building was stored with feed. The loss is covered by insurance. The Navarre fire department was called but could do little except save surrounding property. This is the fourth barn in the same village which has burned down within the past two years.

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CHURCH UNION IN CANADA

Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists Getting Together.

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CANAL COMMISSION.

Its Annual Report Submitted to Governor.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 23.—The Ohio canal commission submitted its annual report to the governor: \$322,618 were received from land leases and \$8,878 from oil leases; \$19,216 were received from the sale of land and the total receipts were \$50,854. The total value of leases in force on all canals November 15 is placed at \$418,841. The total expenses of the commission were \$10,504.

The commission has collected \$7,231 in swamp land claims, of which ninety acres were in Stark county and forty acres in Holmes county. Some islands in the Scioto and Maumee rivers were also included.

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ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL.

House in New York Purchased for \$60,000.

New York, Dec. 23.—The organization formed to purchase the house in which President Roosevelt was born, at 28 East Twentieth street in this city, and present it to the nation, completed the details of the purchase last night and secured possession of the property for \$60,000. It is the intention of those interested in the plan to restore the house as nearly as possible to the shape it was in at the time of the President's birth. This will include the furniture and fittings so far as they can be secured.

Among the contributors to the project were Andrew Carnegie, General Horace Porter, Henry C. Frick, who is said to have subscribed \$10,000, and others. Representatives of the organization, which is known as the Roosevelt Home club, called upon the President in Washington yesterday and consulted with him as to the details of the plan. Roderick Begg, president of the club, was accompanied to the White House by George Edward Graham, of New York, who also is prominent in the organization.

DOESN'T LIKE FOOD.

Mrs. Chadwick's Ire Aroused by a Restaurant Meal.

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—It was the hour of the noon meal at the county jail. A savory odor of boiling beef floated up from the prison. From the woman's department came a voice, raised to a high pitch, raspy but emphatic:

"Take it away! Take it away. I cannot, cannot hear it. I refuse to eat it."

The voice found an echo in the corridor. It was the voice of Mrs. Chadwick.

"Cannot I obtain a better meal than that? Such tea!"

The words rattled out at a fast rate. "Such tee! hee!" came the echo. The voice became lower. "Mrs. Moore, do you want to try this tea?"

Mrs. Chadwick has learned from experience that a prison repast is no fare for an epicure. She has ordered the choicest viands from a restaurant, but they do not taste good. Mrs. Chadwick has written a letter to the steward of the restaurant, complaining of the food she receives and requesting him to do better by her. She has struck up a friendship with Mrs. Morehouse, and they chatter back and forth during the noon hour.

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WHOLE FAMILY IN JAIL

Then All Are Released Because of Expense to City.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 23.—It looked as though the city would be compelled to take care of five persons in order to punish one, the mother. Mrs. John Seybold was found guilty of shoplifting after having been in the city prison for several days. The husband appeared at the prison with three children, ranging from 2 to 8 years of age, and after he had seen his wife, started out, leaving the children there. The keepers protested, but he said:

"The city has got my wife in this trouble and now they can keep the children, too."

He was arrested on a technical charge of carrying concealed weapons and the whole family was in jail for a while. Not liking the prospect, Judge Calvin released all five.

Mr. Bryan Reaches Manila.

Manila, Dec. 23.—W. J. Bryan has

arrived here. He was given an enthusiastic reception by committees representing the citizens and the Elks. He declined to discuss his trip. Mr. Bryan has given up his idea of a trip to Australia. He will remain in Manila for about two weeks and then sail for India.

Liberty, O., Pastor Receives Call.

Melrose, Mass., Dec. 23.—The members of the Melrose Highlands Congregational church have voted to call a Methodist minister to become their pastor. The invitation was extended to the Rev. Thomas J. Gregg of the Methodist church of Liberty, O.

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SAW CROOKED WORK

But Insurance Examiner Did Not Report It to Chief Hendricks.

MUTUAL DOCTORED ITS BOOKS

Mr. Vanderpool, Testifying Before Investigators, Describes the Means Adopted by Insurance Companies to Cover Up Losses—Took No Action.

New York, Dec. 23.—Additional testimony as to the management of the Mutual Life Insurance company was adduced before the insurance investigation tending to show that the company used profits from the sale of securities to conceal the reduction of book values of real estate, or losses, as Charles E. Hughes, counsel to the committee, called them.

Francis Hendricks, superintendent of the state insurance department, said he had never heard of such a thing and that it had never been called to his attention. After auditors of the Mutual Life had testified to this fact, Mr. Vanderpool, chief examiner of the department, declared that he had never discovered the matter in his examination of the company last year when in his report he gave the company what is a certificate of "good character." He said these manipulations of the figures were not apparent in the books.

These transfers of profits to the debit side of the profit and loss account were made by the auditors upon instruction of President McCurdy and Vice President Grannis and the written instructions were produced. They named the figures that adjusted the accounts, and last year, while there was really a profit of almost \$1,500,000, when these transfers were made no profit whatever was shown.

Mr. Vanderpool said he had examined the report of 1904, which showed no profits from the sale of securities. Although he knew this was untrue, he did not so report it because he did not think it was necessary. The same situation existed in the New York Life, according to Mr. Vanderpool, although the practice was not general, and when asked what he did in the matter said "nothing." Mr. Vanderpool said he had examined the Hanover bank account of the New York Life in 1904 and did not find the \$100,000 that was paid to Andrew Hamilton.

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